

2017 Living History Encampment Application

Bent’s Old Fort National Historic Site will host an instructional “Living History Encampment” June 7 -11 2017. This popular living history event will provide participants the unique opportunity to learn about 1840s life by living it! You will be immersed in the role of trader, trapper-hunter, laborer, blacksmith, carpenter, Army Topographical Engineer or domestic cook. You will gain a much deeper understanding of the realities of the fur trade era in the American West. Participants will be provided study materials and lessons on interpretive skills, fur trade and living history. Living historians will teach and direct participants in use of 19th century work techniques and social skills.

Participants will be given a tour of the site and classroom instruction on Wednesday and Thursday. Starting Thursday night, students will be in period clothing and in role from then to noon on Sunday. Students will have to arrange for their own lodging and food Tuesday to Thursday evening. From Thursday evening to Sunday noon, you will be in role with mentors by your side offering their expertise and assisting you with frontier life. Application for graduate level college credit will be made available for application during the first day of class.

A fee of \$300 for adults and \$150 for anyone under 18 years of age (must be accompanied by a parent or guardian) is required for this 5-day, 3-night event which includes instruction, equipment, and food and accommodations. Payment is to be made by check to the “National Park Service.” Contact Greg Holt at (719) 383-5023 or by email to greg_holt@nps.gov for more information.

Please print clearly. Be sure to read the “Fine Print” below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Role Desired: Mark as first, second and third choice

Male roles: _____Trader_____Carpenter _____Blacksmith _____ Hunter
_____Topographical Engineer _____ Laborer_____

Female roles: _____Laborer_____Domestic (cook)

Is application for college credit desired? Yes _____No _____

What is your previous experience with living history? _____

Why are you interested in this education experience? _____

What are some ways you plan to apply the knowledge, skills and abilities you gain from this experience?

Do you have an interest in volunteering at Bent’s Fort? If so, when would you be available?

FINE PRINT: We reserve the right to cancel this workshop if minimum registration is not reached at least 14 days before the start of the workshop. In this case, we will refund your entire fee. If not are not selected, you will receive a refund. No refunds will be issued for registrants who cancel within 21 days of the first day of the workshop, though you may send another person in your place. Make the fee payment of \$300 payable to the “National Park Service”. Mail this application to: Greg Holt, Bent’s Old Fort National Historic Site, 35110 State Highway 194 East, La Junta, CO 81050. Your check will be held until the minimum enrollment is reached.